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CLAIMS

- 2 1. A method comprising:
3 retrieving content from a plurality of content providers, wherein the
4 retrieved content is to be displayed in at least one Web page;
5 verifying the format of the retrieved content;
6 rejecting particular content if the particular content format is not valid; and
7 if the particular content is valid:
8 scheduling the particular content to be displayed at a specified time;
9 and
10 displaying the particular content at the specified time, the particular
11 content being displayed by a Web server.
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13 2. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein displaying particular content
14 includes:
15 displaying the particular content using a test Web page; and
16 if the particular content is successfully displayed using the test Web page,
17 displaying the particular content using a live Web page.
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19 3. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein displaying particular content
20 includes deleting previously displayed content.
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22 4. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the specified time is an
23 attribute associated with the particular content.
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1 5. A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising storing the
2 retrieved data in a central database.

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4 6. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein scheduling the particular
5 content includes creating a multi-level directory structure associated with the
6 specified time.

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8 7. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the specified time is a
9 timeslice having a start time and an end time.

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11 8. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the content is defined in an
12 extensible markup language (XML) file.

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14 9. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein verifying the format of the
15 retrieved content includes using a verification tool to compare the format of the
16 retrieved content to the format defined in a schema file stored on the Web server.

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18 10. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein verifying the format of the
19 retrieved content includes using a verification tool to compare the format of the
20 retrieved content to the format defined in a content definition file stored on the
21 Web server.

1 **11.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
2 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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5 **12.** A method comprising:
6 identifying a plurality of content providers;
7 determining whether each of the plurality of content providers has any new
8 content to retrieve;
9 retrieving new content from the plurality of content providers that have new
10 content to retrieve;
11 storing the retrieved content in a central database;
12 scheduling the retrieved content to be displayed on a Web page at a
13 particular time, wherein the particular time is based on an attribute associated with
14 the retrieved content; and
15 displaying the retrieved content on the Web page at the particular time.

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17 **13.** A method as recited in claim 12 wherein the retrieved content is
18 defined in an extensible markup language (XML) file.

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20 **14.** A method as recited in claim 12 further comprising verifying the
21 format of the retrieved content.

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23 **15.** A method as recited in claim 12 further comprising:
24 verifying the format of the retrieved content; and
25 rejecting content that is not verified.

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2 **16.** A method as recited in claim 12 further comprising:

3 verifying the format of the retrieved content; and

4 editing the content if the retrieved content is not verified.

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6 **17.** A method as recited in claim 12 further comprising deleting
7 previously displayed content after the particular time.

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9 **18.** A method as recited in claim 12 wherein the retrieved content has an
10 associated time slice, the time slice identifying a start date, a start time, an end
11 date, and an end time.

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13 **19.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
14 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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17 **20.** A method comprising:
18 identifying a plurality of content providers;
19 identifying a storage location associated with each of the content providers;
20 retrieving a file from each storage location, wherein the file identifies any
21 new content to retrieve from the storage location;

22 if the file identifies new content to retrieve from the storage location:

23 retrieving the new content;

24 storing the retrieved content in a central database; and

1 scheduling the retrieved content to be displayed at a particular time,
2 wherein the particular time is based on an attribute associated with the
3 retrieved content.
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5 **21.** A method as recited in claim 20 further comprising displaying the
6 retrieved content on the Web page at the particular time.
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8 **22.** A method as recited in claim 20 further comprising verifying the
9 format of the retrieved content and rejecting the retrieved content if the format is
10 not valid.
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12 **23.** A method as recited in claim 20 further comprising verifying the
13 format of the retrieved content using a verification tool to compare the format of
14 the retrieved content to the format defined in a schema file stored on a Web server.
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16 **24.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
17 program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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1 **25.** An content server comprising:
2 a content collector configured to retrieve content from a plurality of content
3 providers;
4 a content verification tool coupled to the content collector, the content
5 verification tool configured to verify content retrieved from the plurality of
6 content providers; and
7 a content scheduler coupled to the content collector, the content scheduler
8 configured to schedule the received content for display.

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10 **26.** A content server as recited in claim 25 further including a content
11 editor coupled to the content scheduler and configured to modify the received
12 content.

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14 **27.** A content server as recited in claim 25 further including a test Web
15 page configured to display retrieved content.

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17 **28.** A content server as recited in claim 25 wherein the content
18 verification tool rejects content if the content format is not valid.

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20 **29.** A content server as recited in claim 25 further including a database
21 configured to store the content retrieved from the plurality of content providers.

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23 **30.** A content server as recited in claim 25 wherein the content is
24 defined in an extensible markup language (XML) file.

1 **31.** A content processing system comprising:

2 a content server configured to retrieve Web-based content from a plurality
3 of Web content providers, wherein the content is defined in an extensible markup
4 language (XML) file;

5 a database coupled to the content server, the database configured to store
6 content retrieved from the plurality of content providers; and

7 a Web server coupled to the content server, the Web server including a
8 schema file that defines the proper format for the content, wherein the Web server
9 is configured to maintain a plurality of Web pages that are generated using content
10 stored in the database.

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12 **32.** A content processing system as recited in claim 31 wherein the
13 schema file is accessible to content providers to verify their content prior to
14 retrieval by the content server.

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16 **33.** A content processing system as recited in claim 31 wherein the
17 content server includes a content verification tool that rejects content if the content
18 format is not valid.

1 **34.** One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a
2 computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one
3 or more processors to:

4 retrieve content from a plurality of content providers, the retrieved content
5 to be displayed in at least one Web page;

6 verify the format of the retrieved content;

7 reject the retrieved content if the format of the retrieved content is not valid;

8 and

9 scheduling the content to be displayed at a specified time.

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11 **35.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 34
12 wherein the retrieved content is defined in an extensible markup language (XML)
13 file.

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15 **36.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 34
16 wherein scheduling the content includes creating a multi-level directory structure.

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18 **37.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 34 further
19 causing the one or more processors to display the particular content at the
20 specified time.

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22 **38.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 34 further
23 causing the one or more processors to create scheduled content files.
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